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Notice of Opposition

Notice is hereby given that the following party opposes registration of the indicated application.

Opposer Information

Name	TBC TRADEMARKS, LLC
Granted to Date of previous extension	09/19/2010
Address	2215 B RENAISSANCE DRIVE LAS VEGAS, NV 89119 UNITED STATES

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Applicant Information

Application No	77618396	Publication date	03/23/2010
Opposition Filing Date	09/20/2010	Opposition Period Ends	09/19/2010
International Registration No.	NONE	International Registration Date	NONE
Applicant	Versatrac Industries Inc. 145, rue De La Defense-Nationale Saint-Raymond (Quebec), G3L4Y4 CANADA		

Goods/Services Affected by Opposition

Class 007.

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Hydraulic power units for heavy equipments, namely, excavators, loaders, bulldozers, crawler tractors, skid steers, skidders, harvesters, forwarders, agricultural tractors, construction tractors, and crawler carriers

Class 012.

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: All-terrain vehicles, namely, tracked carriers for mulching; all-terrain vehicles, namely, carriers on wheels for mulching; all-terrain vehicles, namely, carriers on wheels

Grounds for Opposition

Priority and likelihood of confusion	Trademark Act section 2(d)
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Marks Cited by Opposer as Basis for Opposition

U.S. Registration No.	3285405	Application Date	01/31/2007
Registration Date	08/28/2007	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	V		
Design Mark	V		
Description of Mark	The mark consists of the	he stylized letter V inside a	stylized circle.
Goods/Services	Class 012. First use: First Use: 2005/05/00 First Use In Commerce: 2005/05/00		Jse In Commerce: 2005/05/00
	LAND VEHICLE PART	TS, NAMELY, WHEELS	

U.S. Registration No.	3285375	Application Date	01/12/2007
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VERSATRAC INDUSTRIES, INC.) Application Serial No.
Applicant.) 77/618,396 –

NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

In the matter of an application to register a trademark under the Trademark Act of 1946, namely, Serial No. 77/618,396, filed November 20, 2008, in the name of Versatrac Industries, Inc., published for opposition in the Trademark Official Gazette of March 23, 2010, Volume 1352, No. 4, at page TM 89, for the mark "V" (stylized), the Opposer, TBC Trademarks, LLC, believes it will be damaged by registration of said alleged trademark, and hereby opposes same. The grounds for opposition are as follows:

1. The Opposer, TBC Trademarks, LLC, is a limited liability company duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having its place of business at 2215 B Renaissance Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119. Opposer, through its related company, TBC Corporation of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, and other affiliated companies, distributes and sells, in commerce, a variety of vehicle parts, including wheel and tires, and operates a franchised system of retail stores. (Opposer and its related company, TBC Corporation, and related companies, hereafter collectively are referred to as "TBC").

- 2. Commencing prior to the filing date of the application opposed herein, TBC has, and is now, engaged in the distribution and sale of vehicle parts, in commerce in the United States, under and in connection with the trademark **VLINE** and a stylized "V" Logo (collectively, Opposer's "V" Mark"). TBC continuously has used said Opposer's "V" Mark, in commerce in connection with vehicle parts, produced, advertised, distributed, marketed, offered for sale, and sold by TBC, and to identify and designate same, and to distinguish those goods, and TBC's business, from those of others.
- 3. Opposer TBC is the owner of, and will rely upon, the following U.S. trademark registrations:

REGISTRATION NO.	ISSUE DATE
3,285,405	August 28, 2007
3,285,375	August 28, 2007

Said registrations are valid and subsisting, and constitute *prima facie* evidence of Opposer TBC's ownership of Opposer's "V" Mark, and exclusive right to use same in commerce in connection with the goods set forth in said registrations. Attached hereto as Exhibits 1 and 2 are printouts of information from the electronic database records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office showing the current status and title of these registrations.

4. Since Opposer's initial use of Opposer's "V" Mark, TBC has used, and advertised, produced, offered and sold its vehicle parts under and in connection with said mark(s) to the public, through various channels of trade, and in commerce, with the result that TBC's customers and the public in general have come to know and recognize said mark(s) of Opposer, and associate same with Opposer, and/or goods produced, advertised, marketed, distributed, and sold directly or

indirectly by Opposer TBC. Opposer thus has built up goodwill in connection with the sale of its goods under Opposer's "V" Mark.

5. On November 20, 2008, Applicant filed an application to register the mark "V" (stylized). Said application was accorded Serial No. 77/618,396, and was published in the TRADEMARK OFFICIAL GAZETTE of March 23, 2010. The application states that the "mark consists of the letter 'V' in stylized text." The goods are identified as follows:

hydraulic power units for heavy equipments, namely, excavators, loaders, bulldozers, crawler tractors, skid steers, skidders, harvesters, forwarders, agricultural tractors, construction tractors, and crawler carriers (Class 7); and

all-terrain vehicles, namely, tracked carriers for mulching; all-terrain vehicles, namely, carriers on wheels for mulching; all-terrain vehicles, namely, carriers on wheels (Class 12).

- 6. The "V" (stylized) mark sought to be registered by Applicant is a colorable imitation of, so resembles, and/or is confusingly similar to, Opposer's prior and aforesaid "V" Mark as to be likely, when used in connection with the goods of Applicant, to cause confusion or mistake or to deceive.
- 7. On information and belief, the goods set forth in the application opposed herein are similar and/or related to the goods in connection with which TBC uses Opposer's "V" Mark, and on information and belief, the goods set forth in the opposed application are and/or will be sold through the same and/or similar channels of trade, and/or to the same general class of purchasers, in and to which TBC's goods are marketed and/or sold.
- 8. The registration and/or use of the "V" (stylized) mark, as set forth in the opposed application, is likely to cause confusion, mistake, and/or to deceive as to origin, sponsorship, and/or association of Applicant's goods sold under the "V" (stylized) mark sought to be registered by

Applicant *vis-a-vis* Opposer and/or Opposer's "V" Mark, and/or to mislead purchasers of Applicant's and/or Opposer's goods, and/or the public in general, into believing that Applicant's goods are sold by, emanate from, and/or in some way, directly or indirectly, are associated with TBC, and/or Opposer's "V" Mark, or products, or *vice versa*, to the damage and detriment of TBC.

- 9. By virtue of the foregoing, TBC believes it will be damaged by the registration by Applicant of the "V" (stylized) mark, as set forth in application Serial No 77/618,396.
- 10. If Applicant is granted the registration opposed herein, and Applicant obtains such rights as conferred under the Principal Register of the Trademark Act of 1946, Applicant will obtain unlawful gain and advantage to which it is not entitled under the Trademark Act of 1946, to the detriment and harm of Opposer, its "V" Mark, and its business.

WHEREFORE, this Opposer, TBC Trademarks, LLC, believes and alleges that it will be damaged by registration of the "V" (stylized) mark of application Serial No. 77/618,396, as aforesaid, and prays that:

- A. judgment in the present opposition be entered in favor of Opposer;
- B. the present opposition be sustained; and
- C. registration of application Serial No. 77/618,396 be rejected and refused.

Should the payment accompanying the Notice of Opposition be insufficient, the Board is hereby authorized to charge counsel's deposit Account No. 06-1358.

Respectfully submitted,

TBC Trademarks, LLC

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Dated: September 20, 2010 Atty. Dkt. Nos. I-6253

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I hereby certify that on this 20th day of September, 2010, the foregoing Notice of Opposition was served by first-class mail, postage prepaid, on the following correspondent as set forth in the records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

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USE: 20050500. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20050500

Mark Drawing

Code

(3) DESIGN PLUS WORDS, LETTERS, AND/OR NUMBERS

Design Search

Code

26.01.21 - Circles that are totally or partially shaded. 26.05.14 - Three triangles; Triangles, exactly three triangles

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Classification

Code

LETS-1 V A single letter, multiples of a single letter or in combination with a design

SHAPES-CIRCLE Circle figures or designs including semi-circles and incomplete circles SHAPES-TRIANGLES Triangular shaped designs and marks including incomplete triangles

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Type of Mark

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GOODS AND/OR SERVICES

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Basis: 1(a)

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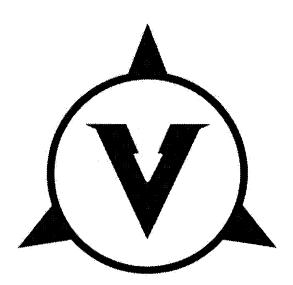
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TBC BRANDS, LLC (DELAWARE LTD LIAB CO) SUITE 5 2215 B RENAISSANCE DRIVE LAS VEGAS, NV 89119

FOR: LAND VEHICLE PARTS, NAMELY, WHEELS, IN CLASS 12 (U.S. CLS. 19, 21, 23, 31, 35 AND 44).

FIRST USE 5-0-2005; IN COMMERCE 5-0-2005.

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